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B. F. Montgomery
P. O.

For C. Davis Esq
Vicksburg
Miss.

Merriam July 11 1868

Dear Sir:

I have your advice of 4th inst and note contents. I am thankful for the instruction you gave respecting the barley as also the trouble taken in finding the seed. As sowing it now would be a mere experiment I deem it prudent to postpone until better prepared and plant instead such as we know more about.

The rebuilding of worst part of the Wood's house is progressing slowly. Under present circumstances it is impossible to expect anything but from Mr Wood or ~~his wife~~ those who intend working in place, ^{they are} doing a little ~~with~~ and very little too with hand barrows. Palmyra & Merriam running 7 to 8 scrapers daily. We can ill afford it as all our team is needed at the flour. We are cleaning and plowing and encouraging others to do the same, we are also repairing the fences as well as we are able. Many rails having been burned gives much extra trouble in that respect.

I am unable to say as yet how near all the
land will be cultivated we are letting it the
present year at \$4 to \$5 per acre, very little at
the latter price. Shall work several hundred
acres by hired labor. And if I can make
arrangements to procure team enough
shall aim to cultivate all that is not worked by
others. The Perkins place are now being offered
and some parcels taken by Hurdman at \$2.
per acre, I propose letting none under
\$4. Wm Lewis Jr contemplates going
up on the "Lee", who can tell you something
about how we are getting along.
I shall be up as soon as I can spare
the time.

Yours very old friend

Bury

Mr Jos E Davis
Vicksburg
Miss.

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